

THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE
RUTHERWYKE ROOM
8TH OCTOBER 2018

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the September meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Open Forum: The Open Forum was attended by the local residents from the Rosemary Lane area to express concerns regarding the possible development by Coda Planning/Simco Homes on the Coltscroft Site. Many issues were discussed in detail and it was agreed that TWRA would write to Coda Planning on behalf of the residents. It was explained to the residents that until the Local Plan is passed the site remain in the Green Belt and if this area were removed the developer would then be able to apply for planning permission.

Councillors' Reports: The Councillors' Reports were distributed prior to the meeting.

LG gave a brief report on the findings of the Peer Review of RBC Planning Department, which was positive. There is to be a presentation to Councillors on the 18th October regarding the Heathrow Southern Rail Access.

Cllr. Few reported a positive meeting had been held with Philip Hammond MP regarding the Thames Relief Scheme and progress is being made to find the shortfall of £240 million. He also advised on progress with regard to rebuilding the old Brox Road Care Home as a residential, 60 to 80 bed, care home for dementia patients. There is an urgent need to find extra care facilities for patients that need 24/7 care and respite care. SCC is committed to making further savings and will be holding public consultations – details of which will become available shortly.

Association Officers Reports: Reports were received from The Chairman, The Secretary and The Treasurer. These were distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. IP again raised the previously discussed issue of raising our annual subscription charges.

Planning Applications: BH had visited all the properties applying for planning approval. There were a number of properties that required comment on behalf of residents and appropriate letters will be sent to the Planning Department of RBC.

Cllr. Few confirmed that the new signpost by Acorn Farm has been ordered.

Thorpe & Egham Half Marathon: NR suggested we apply for a donation towards refurbishing the Cemetery gates.

Out of Hospital Services: There is to be a public display in the Elmsleigh Centre on Thursday 11th October.

Keep Thorpe Tidy Campaign: LG mentioned that there is a similar campaign in Englefield Green. NR agreed to make contact.

TWRA Procedures sub group: NR & CK are in discussion and NR advised that we should prepare a plan to take to the AGM on Governance and rewrite the Mission of the Association in a way that might attract some younger residents to join the Association.

RBC Conservation and Listed Building Review: NR asked MB if he would progress this matter with and obtain the details of buildings that could be put forward.

Preparations for the Memorial: NR gave a vote of thanks for the work done by Cllr. Gill. There is to be a dedication service for the refurbished memorial on the 4th November were TWRA representatives will be present. It was suggested that if there are sufficient funds the memorial benches need replacing. IP will investigate costs.

Fly Tipping: MB reported 2 builders bags had been dumped in Mill Lane. The matter was reported to RBC.